**Student Senate Minutes**

**Gustavus Adolphus College**

**October 3, 2016**

Co-President Singh calls the meeting to order at 7:00

1. **Attendance**

Question of the day: What’s your spirit animal?

1. **Approval of the Minutes 9/26/16**

Approved

1. **Community Comment**

Nathan: I’m the Chair of College Republicans. Recently, there was an incident last week regarding republicans and alleged democrats. It has come to a point where the individuals involved don’t feel safe anymore. We come unified (Democrats and Republicans) asking that Senate puts out a statement to appease the tension.

Liz: We have addressed the issues in individual meetings.

**Questions:**

Toeben: Have you thought of what ways Senate might assist you in this?

Nathan: I propose a resolution to state Student Senate’s stand on what’s going on.

**IV. Old Business**

a. **Committee Updates**

1. **Diversity**

Toeben: We aren’t going on the DLC letter today because DLC didn’t meet last week.

1. **Finance**

Hinnenkamp: We have two students at large and Senators Anderson and Baron who have expressed interest. If anyone wants to be part of the committee, reach out to us.

**Questions:**

Ward: I sent my application.

Choenyi: Yes.

1. **Technology**

Schwartz: One person showed up to our event. We’re planning to do it again during registration. There are things going on with the Hill Crew too. They will be starting a new program soon.

1. **Finance Budget**

Hinnenkamp: The budget comes from GIL. They are having an event soon. Up here are the costs of different things. The budget is $1,200.49.

Clark: The event has a jewish aspect. We will buy a sokkah and decorate it. We’re excited about it and we are collaborating with the Chaplain’s office and some faculty. Everyone is invited.

**Questions:**

Lamberty: Do you recommend anything?

Hinnekamp: We didn’t find anything striking. Our recommendations are to fund it in full. We will be breaking a by-law though. But this case is a particular case. It takes a 2/3 vote to break a by-law.

Clark: Also note that we have two separate events.

**Discussion:**

Haberman: We should fund it. We should embrace other religions.

Shaikoski: I would like to see this event approved.

Choenyi: We were unable to pass it last week but it wasn’t necessarily the org’s fault. After looking through it, it looks great and it should be funded.

Lamberty: Do we normally fund decorations?

Hinnenkamp: This came up in our discussion. Decoration is a “loose term”. The material being purchased will be reused.

Ward: It’s a Finance committee guideline and not a senate by-law.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Approved**

**VI. New Business**

* 1. **Indigenous Peoples’ Day**

Toeben: We’re having a speaker on October 10th. He will be talking for 30min and then a video will be shown.

Singh: Since this is an event that would be sponsored by us. We need to discuss if we want to sponsor it and then vote on it.

**Discussion:**

Haberman: Sponsoring entailments?

Toeben: Our logo and me welcoming the speaker.

Clark: I encourage more people to go.

Lamberty: I think this a cool event that everyone should go to.

O’Neil: Will he talk about the pipeline?

Toeben: He will just focus on the history and his experiences

Martinez: I see this as a good thing.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. **Decorum Discourse**

Shaikoski: This about what has actually been brought up during the community comments. As student senate it’s our job to represent students. We want to encourage proper and appropriate dialogue to make this campus a safe place for everyone. We should discuss about where we need to go and come up with clear thoughts of what to do about this.

**Discussion:**

VanHecke: I would respectfully encourage you to keep your comments general and not try to delve into incomplete information about the individuals involved.

Baron: I think we should encourage political civility among students. We should encourage some action as well. There was a debate last week between the Republicans and the Libertarians.

Hinnenkamp: We will be potentially planning another debate soon.

Lamberty: I think that as Senate we should send out a statement. I don’t know how that would look like but I definitely encourage a peaceful talk.

Haberman: Everyone seems to be in support of Senate doing something to express to our constituencies that we respect each other.

I charge Student Senate Cabinet to draft a statement encouraging political civility talk

**Seconded by Lamberty**

**Discussion:**

Antes: The main idea should be that Student Senate represents everybody despite the differences.

Hinnenkamp: Part of this resolution has to recognize that we have an opportunity to discuss about people with varied views on things. We are for freedom of inquiry and opinion expression.

Clark: It’s a very polarizing topic. I think that the Speaker’s statement should be supported. The statement should be based on the College values.

Hannan: We shouldn’t just stop on a statement but this is a great way to step up.

Edholm: Some of these students want to organize a political open mic.

Singh: You could bring up the idea later.

Antes: What’s the charge?

Shaikoski: To draft a resolution to discuss about Senate views on the matter

Cella: We should keep in mind that the Cabinet will work on this and next Monday, we can amend it as we see it fit.

VanHecke: A resolution is a formal way of issuing an opinion. It’s written in a formal language.

Singh: Who should this go to?

Clark: This should go to the student body. What are the other options?

VanHecke: The student body is the usual way. I don’t think there are many options in between.

Andersen: We’ve done letters before as an “in between” option.

**Vote**

**Charged**

**Discussion:**

Haberman: Talk to me if you have more ideas about the Cabinet’s charge.

O’Connell: We should focus on what holds us together instead of the differences. We could organize an event to celebrate the unity. I charge Student Affairs to look into organizing an event to celebrate unity among students.

**Discussion:**

Ward: That’s a great idea. We could do other things too and not only an event.

Toeben: I love unity but I don’t want this to look like differences are a bad thing.

Clark: We can do something that incorporates both the differences and unity aspects of things.

Asghar: I like the unity idea. We should not only focus on the political side but also this can be applied on international students as well.

**Vote**

**Charged**

* 1. Hannan: I charge Health and Housing to look into the Campus Safety response time. The first week of class, one of my constituents was harassed by a male student and Campus Safety showed up 40min later.

**Seconded by Vierzba**

**Discussion:**

Hannan: Somebody dropped a can of salsa. Campus Safety didn’t respond in the first 20min.

Shaikoski: What time of day?

Hannan: I would speculate around 11

Martinez: The first at 11?

Hannan: Yes

Ward: Glasses broken on the sidewalk

Schwartz: I agree with what previous speaker said. There was vomit on the sidewalk on my way to class today.

VanHecke: It’s great to talk to Campus Safety. But you can clean up your own mess as well.

Schwartz: Ultimately that represents us as Gustavus.

Hannan: The salsa scenario is less serious but it’s an example of the overall trend that I see.

Ward: Some of my constituents have a bad view of Campus Safety. More communicating with them and seeing them responding to our safety will increase trust.

Hannan: It’s barely the first month and there are so many people discouraged by Campus Safety.

Facendola: Maybe design an app to find out where the officers are?

VanHecke: Confrontations?

Schwartz: We won’t show where everybody is at to everyone. Only the Administrator will see that!

Clark: If we have an app, it should show the distance

Toeben: I’m thinking that Campus Safety can say how much time they will take to get to the scenario’s space

Sun: It’s unacceptable for Campus Safety to take 40min to respond regardless of what the situation might be.

Edholm: We should keep in mind that an officer might have been occupied or missed a shift too.

**Vote**

**Approved**

* 1. Clark: I charge Technology to look into an app that has some Webadvisor basic options easily accessible.

**Discussion:**

Martinez: I like the idea.

**Vote**

**Approved**

1. **Announcements**

Ngabirano: Welcome to our new senators. You are only allowed 3 non-excused absences per semester. Everyone who isn’t part of a committee yet, come see me after the meeting.

Singh: Welcome to our new senators. Thanks for a great meeting. Shout out to Chair Toeben for signaling the first germaine.

Toeben: I am a Black Man panel this Thursday 6:30-8! Indigenous People’s day event next Monday 6:30.

Clark: GIL has an event this Saturday.

Schwartz: Tech committee see me

Choenyi: Finance committee see me

Toeben: Diversity committee same.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**